

<p><b>Cover:</b>  <i>The name or title of this book is Dandelion. The author of this book, the person who wrote the words, is Don Freeman. He is also the illustrator- the one who drew the pictures.</i>  <i>Look at this lion. He's all dressed up, and he's holding <b>bouquet</b>- a bunch of flowers. I wonder why. Let's read the story to find out what the lion does.</i></p>	<p>P 1 Read  Stretch and yawn as you read those words. <i>The lion's name is Dandelion. That's also the name of the flowers he was holding on the cover. (Show cover again) Maybe his mommy and daddy thought he looked like a dandelion flower so they gave him that name.</i></p>	<p><b>P 2-3 Read 2-3</b>  <b>Read P 3</b> with enthusiasm to show Dandelion's curiosity and excitement about the letter. <i>Oh, my, the letter was written in <b>fancy</b> gold ink. Fancy means special and very nice. I wonder who sent it. Quickly turn page.</i></p>
<p><b>P 4-5 Read 4</b>  <i>Oh, here's the letter written in <b>fancy</b> gold ink. This letter is <b>fancier</b> than the one Peter sent to Amy, isn't it? Let's see what it says.</i>  <b>Read P 4</b> slowly, on chunk at a time, to give children time to process the info. <i>Jennifer Giraffe wants Dandelion to come to her party. So this letter is an invitation, just like Peter's letter to Amy. But is Jennifer Giraffe's party for a birthday?.... Apparently not. At Jennifer's party, they're going to have tea and taffy. Tea is a hot drink, and taffy is candy. Sounds yummy, doesn't it?</i></p>	<p><b>Cont P 4-5</b>  <b>Read P 5</b>  <i>Dandelion's <b>mane</b>, the hair on his head, looks shaggy and uneven. He had already planned to get his hair cut before he knew about this party.</i></p>	<p><b>P 6-7</b>  <b>Read 6</b>  Briefly define <b>barbershop</b> as a place where people go to get their hair cut. <i>Lou the Kangaroo is the barber, the person who cuts hair at the barbershop. Dandelion must have made an appointment so the barber knew he was coming.</i>  Go Back and <b>read the text on P 7, then complete the sentence on P 8</b></p>
<p><b>P 8-9 Read P 8</b>  <i>Lou used a lot of <b>shampoo</b>, the liquid soap we use to wash our hair. Look at all the soap bubbles on Dandelion's mane! Point</i>  <b>Read P 9</b>  Point to Dandelion's extended paw. <i>Dandelion wants his c laws to look nice. He is getting his claws cleaned and trimmed. He's getting a <b>manicure</b>.</i></p>	<p><b>P 10-11 Read</b>  Point to the lion's mane as you read page 10. Point to the fashion magazine when reading those words on P 11.   <i>A wave is a way to put curls into hair so it's not so straight. If someone has straight hair and wants waves or curls, the hairdresser or barber can put them in. Of course, lions don't really go to barbers. This is a pretend story about a lion.</i></p>	<p><b>P 12-13</b>  <b>Read P12</b>  <i>Oh, here's the picture in the magazine the barber was holding up. Dandelion wants to look as beautiful as the lion in the picture.</i>   <b>Read P 13</b>, pointing to the curls. <i>Lou is putting curls in Dandelion's <b>mane</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>P 14-15 Read 14</b>  <i>He looked very, very good- absolutely wonderful. Just look at his beautiful curly <b>mane</b>.</i>  <b>Now read P 15</b>  <i>Elegant clothes are very dressy-<b>fancy</b> clothes we wear on special occasions.</i></p>	<p><b>P16-17 Read</b>  Point to the jacket on P 16.   <i>Dandelion has already had his mane curled and his claws manicured, and he has a new jacket. Now he's going to get a cap and a cane. A cane is a special walking stick.</i></p>	<p><b>P 18-19</b>  <b>Read 18</b>  Explain that <b>dapper</b> means very stylish. <i>I think Dandelion just bought a <b>cane</b> from Happy the Crane. Point to the bird.</i>   <b>Read P 19</b> with a tone of urgency. <i>Dandelion knows what time it is because he just looked at his watch. See? (Point) The <b>hostess</b> is Jennifer Giraffe. She's giving the party. It's nice to take a little gift to the <b>hostess</b>, the lady giving the party.</i></p>

<p><b>P 20-21</b> <b>Read 20</b> Point to the bouquet of dandelions as you read <b>P 20</b>. <b>Read P 21</b>, pointing to the door and emphasizing the word <b>many</b>. <i>Who do you think lives at this house?... Yes, Jennifer is the hostess, the one giving the party. She's a giraffe and that's why her house has such a tall door- giraffes are very tall. Dandelion looks happy and excited, doesn't he?</i></p>	<p><b>P 22-23 Read 22</b> <i>He rang the bell (point) with the tip of his cane.</i> <b>Read page 23.</b> Adopt an indifferent tone for the last sentence to show that Jennifer doesn't recognize Dandelion. Look at children with a surprised expression</p>	<p><b>P 24-25 Read</b> <i>Hmmm. That's not usually how someone talks to a friend. Give a quizzical look. Let's see what happens next.</i></p>
<p><b>P 26-27 Read 26</b> <i>That's not a nice way to talk to or treat a friend, is it? There must be some misunderstanding here.</i> Move on quickly. <b>Read P 27</b> with great expression and slow down on the last 2 sentences to show Dandelion's disappointment. <i>Oh, dear-I don't think Jennifer recognized Dandelion with that new curly mane and those new fancy clothes. Do you think that's why she didn't let him in?</i></p>	<p><b>P 28-30 Read 28</b> <b>Paced</b> means that Dandelion walked back and forth. Maybe he was thinking or upset. Move finger back and forth on page. <b>Read P 29-30</b> <i>Oh dear, the gust of wind must have been very strong. His cap is flying through the air.</i></p>	<p><b>P 30-31 Read 31</b> <i>It's raining very, very hard. Poor Dandelion!</i></p>
<p><b>P 32-33 Read</b> <i>Dandelion must be feeling pretty unhappy. His cap and <b>bouquet</b> blew away, his <b>fancy</b> clothes got all wet, and his lovely mane got soaked. And before that, his friend Jennifer wouldn't let him into her party. He must be feeling very sad and disappointed.</i></p>	<p><b>P 34-35 Read</b></p>	<p><b>P 36-37 Read 36</b> When reading, say spied slowly. <i>Dandelion spied these flowers right here. (point) He saw them. They had been <b>protected</b> -kept safe_ from the rain and wind by the bottom step here. (point)</i> <b>Now read P 37</b> <i>Hmmmm. I wonder what Dandelion meant when he said, "I think I will try again. Do not wait for children to respond, read on</i></p>
<p><b>P38-39 Read 38</b> <i>Oh, Dandelion meant that he'd ring Jennifer's doorbell again.</i> <b>Read P 39</b> <i>A <b>cloudburst</b> is a heavy rain shower. Jennifer Giraffe doesn't know that Dandelion was at her door earlier, trying to come to the party, does she? Why did she recognize him this time but not before? ...Guide to understanding that the lion looks more like himself this time.</i></p>	<p><b>P 40-41 Read</b> <b>Heartily</b> means that the other animals were very glad to see him. Now he looks happy. <i>Who was that silly-looking lion that Jennifer Giraffe told Dandelion about?...</i></p>	<p><b>P 42-43 read</b> Point to Dandelion as you read <i>"laughed uproariously."</i> <i>Jennifer got <b>flustered</b>- all confused and upset- when she found out she had made such a mistake. Do you think that Jennifer Giraffe felt a little embarrassed because she didn't recognize Dandelion earlier?... Yes, our faces get red- we <b>blush</b>- when we are embarrassed. And Jennifer was <b>blushing</b></i></p>

**P 44 Read**  
*That’s probably a good idea, isn’t it? What can happen when we change ourselves too much all at once? (People might not recognize us.)*

**Story discussion:**  
*Now let’s go back to the letter- the party invitation. Reread it. What did Jennifer mean when she said, “Come as you are?” What if Jennifer’s invitation had said, “Come all dressed up?” Do you think she would have recognized Dandelion the first time: Guide children toward understanding that Jennifer probably would have tried to guess who it was.*  
*That is the story of Dandelion. We’ll read the book again.*